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The Library of Virginia Brings *Dopesick* Author Beth Macy to Richmond for the Carole Weinstein Author Series

The Aug. 23 talk explores the country's continuing overdose crisis in her follow-up book, *Raising Lazarus*.

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – The Library of Virginia continues its [2022 Carole Weinstein Author Series](#) talks with *New York Times* best-selling author **Beth Macy**. Macy will discuss *Raising Lazarus: Hope, Justice, and the Future of America's Overdose Crisis*, the much anticipated follow-up to her internationally acclaimed book and Amazon series *Dopesick*. Carole Weinstein Author Series talks are free and open to the public. Registration is required for in-person attendance. To register, click [here](#).

BETH MACY

Raising Lazarus: Hope, Justice, and the Future of America's Overdose Crisis

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Library of Virginia Lecture Hall (and livestreamed)

Beth Macy is a Virginia-based journalist, the author of *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America*, and an executive producer and cowriter on Hulu's Peabody Award-winning *Dopesick* series. For more than 25 years, Macy has been privileged to report on stories from the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia—previously for the *Roanoke Times* and, more recently, in occasional essays for the *New York Times*. She has also written for magazines, radio, and online journals from locations ranging from a mobile home in Bassett, Virginia, to a crowded cholera ward in Limbe, Haiti.

About *Raising Lazarus*

Like the treatment innovators she profiles, Beth Macy meets the opioid crisis where it is—not where we think it should be or wish it was. Bearing witness with clear eyes, intrepid curiosity, and unfailing empathy, she brings us the crucial next installment in the story of the defining disaster of our era, one that touches every single one of us, whether directly or indirectly. A complex story of public health, big pharma, dark money, politics, race, and class that is by turns harrowing and heartening, infuriating and inspiring, *Raising Lazarus* is a must-read for all Americans.

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Coming Next Month:

SCOTT REYNOLDS NELSON

Oceans of Grain: How American Wheat Remade the World

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Library of Virginia Lecture Hall (and livestreamed)

Scott Reynolds Nelson is the Georgia Athletic Association Professor of History at the University of Georgia. His 2006 book *Steel Drivin' Man*, about African American folklore legend John Henry, won four national awards including the Merle Curti Award for best book on U.S. history. His latest book, *Oceans of Grain*, compares the conflicts over western American expansion in the Civil War to conflict over Russian expansion into the Black Sea. It has been featured on BBC, CBC, and NPR, and received rave reviews in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Financial Times*.

About *Oceans of Grain*

To understand the rise and fall of empires, we must follow the paths traveled by grain—along rivers, between ports, and across seas. In *Oceans of Grain*, historian Scott Reynolds Nelson reveals how the struggle to dominate these routes transformed the balance of world power. Early in the 19th century, imperial Russia fed much of Europe through the booming port of Odessa, on the Black Sea in Ukraine. But following the U.S. Civil War, tons of American wheat began to flood across the Atlantic, and food prices plummeted. This cheap foreign grain spurred the rise of Germany and Italy, the decline of the Habsburgs and the Ottomans, and the European scramble for empire. It was a crucial factor in the outbreak of the First World War and the Russian Revolution. This powerful new interpretation shows that amid the great powers' rivalries, there was no greater power than control of grain.

THE CAROLE WEINSTEIN AUTHOR SERIES supports the literary arts by bringing both new and well-known authors to the Library of Virginia. **Free and open to the public**, the series focuses on Virginia authors and Virginia subjects across all genres. Authors answer questions from the audience and sign copies of their books. These in-person talks will also be livestreamed on the Library's Facebook (www.facebook.com/LibraryofVA) and YouTube pages (www.youtube.com/user/LibraryofVa).

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About the Library of Virginia

The Library of Virginia is one of the oldest agencies of Virginia government, founded in 1823 to preserve and provide access to the state's incomparable printed and manuscript holdings. Its collection, which has grown steadily through the years, is the most comprehensive resource in the world for the study of Virginia history, culture, and government with over 130 million items in the collections. The Library also engages the public through in-person and virtual events, education programs, and online resources that reach nearly 4 million individuals each year throughout the commonwealth and beyond. The Library of Virginia is located near Capitol Square in downtown Richmond at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.